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Whereas, Every day ships of all types sail through the waters in and around our country;

Whereas, These vessels, owned by U.S. companies and registered and operated under the American flag, make up the United States Merchant Marine;

Whereas, In war time, in accordance with the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, merchant marines are considered military personnel;

Whereas, During war or national emergency, the merchant marine is responsible for delivering military supplies overseas to our armed forces and allies;

Whereas, The role of non-uniformed merchant sailors in World War II was one of the most dangerous and important of the war;

Whereas, Defenseless or lightly armed private merchant ships, facing the same dangers as Navy personnel sailing hostile waters, carried supplies to our soldiers fighting overseas;

Whereas, Hundreds of ships and thousands of men were lost to enemy submarines and aircraft;



Whereas, There is currently a bill pending in Congress to allow the merchant marines of World War II to receive benefits for their service; and

Whereas, The merchant marines served loyally in times of great danger in defense of their country; it is only fitting and proper that these brave men be given their just reward: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the federal
- 2 government to adopt legislation allowing merchant marines who served
- 3 during World War II to receive benefits.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the members of the
- 6 Indiana Congressional delegation.

